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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Author
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AB 1461 (Gonzalez) -SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

The California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials is pleased to advise you of our support for AB 1461, which would permit the state and counties to automatically register to vote applicants for a driver license or state IDs if they meet certain qualifications. This would create a truly portable voter registration process for California voters by not requiring the completion of an additional written affidavit. This bill will remove a critical barrier to participation in the electoral process.

While we are fully supportive of the bill in concept, we look forward to working with the sponsor on technical and implementation issues to ensure the desired outcomes of the bill are achieved.

We appreciate your efforts to streamline the voter registration process by making registration automatic and thereby increasing public participation in the electoral process.

We urge passage of AB 1461. Should you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at the Contra Costa County Election Division at scott.konopasek@vote.cccounty.us or (925) 335-7808.

Respectfully,

Scott O. Konopasek
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California Association of Clerks and Election Officials

Cc: Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas, Chair, Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting

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